

THE ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

66TH STREET AND YORK AVENUE
NEW YORK 21, N.Y.

THE JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE

April 1, 1958.

Dear Doctor Nathans:

The editors of the Journal of Experimental Medicine will be glad to publish the paper by you and your associates if some minor changes deemed by us essential meet your approval.

The title should be concrete not diffuse, if only for the reason that it should tell readers of bibliographies what the paper is / precisely about. Hence we believe that the title of your paper should read something like this, "The Formation of Myeloma Protein by the Cells of a Mouse Myeloma."

In your first paragraph you state, that it has not been established whether the myeloma protein in plasma is produced by the tumor cells themselves or is a response of other tissues to the effect of the tumor. Your experiments prove with beautiful clarity that the tumor cells themselves produce a great deal of it, but they do not answer the question whether some may not come from elsewhere. In our view you would do well to recognize this possibility in your Discussion. The first page of your manuscript and also page 9 are here enclosed for any change you may care to make.

Here and there you use what have been well called wagon-train phrases, linking on words to the extent of your need. "Plasma myeloma protein pool size" is a good example, and "plasma protein specific activities" is another. These are on pages 6 and 7. We are changing them so that they will read, "the pool size of the plasma myeloma protein" and "specific activity of the plasma protein" respectively.

Can you state more in the final sentence of your Discussion than this, "The results indicate that the plasma cell tumor is an important site of synthesis of the myeloma protein"? We leave it to you.

With very real congratulations on the work,

Sincerely yours,



Peyton Rous, M.D.,
Co-editor of the Journal
of Experimental Medicine

P.S. When a paper is put together with clips its pages have to be separated for ease in editing. The clips are all very well though for charts and their legends.

Dr. Daniel Nathans
Presbyterian Hospital
622 West 168th Street
New York 32, N. Y.